

FRIENDS OF WILLOW CREEK 2002 USE PERMIT

Member Name: _____
Permitted Use(s): _____
Parking Area / Access Point: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
Vehicle License No. _____
Vehicle Description: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Ph: _____

Public Use Rules

- Hours of use are sunrise to sunset, daily
- Property open for seasonal use; July 15 – October 15
- Fires, firearms, overnight camping & smoking strictly prohibited
- Dogs must remain on leash
- Parking is confined to Access Point as noted above
- No motor vehicles beyond access point except in emergency
- Stay clear of heavy equipment and cattle
- Be considerate of neighboring residents

Background Info

- FOWC members serve as volunteer stewards of the property
- Members must file a minimum of one "outing report" per month to remain as a permit holder in good standing
- Users understand no services/facilities/staff are available on site
- Public users must be, or be accompanied by, a FOWC member
- Call 836-1022 to report activity that necessitates a response from security (suspicious off-road vehicle use, campers, gunfire)
- Call 9-1-1 in the event of medical or other emergency

Permitted use is revocable at any time by Mendocino
Redwood Co., LLP, and its partner, LandPaths

CALL Willow Creek Outing Voicemail 874-2305
or email landpaths-outings@sonic.net

CALL 9-1-1 in case of emergency

CALL 836-1022 for unarmed security response



Exhibit 3

Exhibit 3: LandPaths Willow Creek Access Permit



THE FRIENDS OF WILLOW CREEK OUTING REPORT

The outing report is a *tool for gathering information that will help guide future human use and stewardship efforts* (i.e., restoration where needed and safeguarding resource values).

- Please take a copy with you in the field in order to make needed notes
- FOWC must forward a copy of their report to LandPaths a minimum of once per month. Reports can be sent via email (preferred) or US mail
- Put 'OUTING REPORT' in the subject line
- See additional information below under "*Background information on filling out your Friends of Willow Creek Report*"

ACCESSING THE PROPERTY

Four access points or "trailheads" will be used for the Willow Creek property:

- Coleman Valley Road
- Lower Willow Creek Road (from Hwy 1 and east of Pomo Canyon Campground)
- Upper Willow Creek Road (from Coleman Valley Road)
- Freezeout Flat Road (near Duncans Mills)

It is essential that members use the parking area or "trailhead" assigned them on their permit. Also, it is critically important that FOWC members drive cautiously near all access points. In particular, those with *Upper Willow Creek Road* assigned parking must bear in mind that this *largely single lane road* is used by residents – including children – for walking and cycling. Please drive slowly on Willow Creek Road and encourage others to do so - thanks.

Refer to your map of the property to see specific details on parking at your assigned trailhead.

SECURITY & GETTING HELP

MRC has contracted with Weinstein Security of Windsor to provide a response when FOWC members or property neighbors report nuisances occurring on or adjacent to the property. In addition to being available 24 hours a day, 7-days a week to respond to nuisance activity, Weinstein Security will also patrol the property for 20 hours per week, Thursday through Sunday.

CALL Weinstein Security at 707.836.1022 for nuisances that are not a matter of life or death

- Nuisances are clearly illicit off-road vehicle use, "partying," dumping of trash or vehicles, discharging of firearms, trespassing that seems deleterious or threatening to you or others, poaching, etc. If arrests need be made, Weinstein will call Sheriff

CALL the Sonoma County Sheriff at 9-1-1 in case of danger

- If harm to another person is imminent or has occurred; for situations that simply can not wait 30-45 minutes for response

We strongly recommend that you carry a cell phone, if possible, while on the property for your safety and that of others. Much of the ridgeline gets at least a minimum of cell reception; even some low-lying spots have coverage.

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USE GUIDELINES

- The opportunity to access MRC's Willow Creek property is given in exchange for being part of "Friends of Willow Creek" (FOWC)
- FOWC members serve as volunteer stewards of the property, in part, through observing and noting the human use and ecological health of the Willow Creek property. An "Outing Report" – even if property was not visited – must be forwarded to LandPaths a minimum of once per month
- FOWC members understand that access point parking areas have limitations that require their utmost cooperation. It is also understood that each use permit stipulates a specific parking area / access point
- Your use of the property through the FOWC program is available once you are in receipt of a validated FOWC packet from LandPaths
- FOWC members and their guests are advised to stay clear of heavy equipment and cattle
- FOWC members and their guests are considerate of neighboring residents and their property
- No one may access the property unless accompanied by a permit-holding FOWC member
- Users understand they are to be self-sufficient as no services or park-like "improvements" are available other than existing ranch roads and trails
- Hours of use are sunrise to sunset, daily
- Property open for seasonal use; July 15 – October 15, 2002
- Fires, firearms, overnight camping and smoking are strictly prohibited
- Dogs must remain on leash for their protection and that of area wildlife
- No motor vehicle use on property beyond access point allowed except in case of emergency

BACKGROUND INFO ON FILLING OUT YOUR FOWC Outing Report

1. The Outing report is *incredibly helpful* to current and future property management in terms of:
 - Monitoring public use of the property / determining site-specific use and demand
 - Identifying areas of concern (both ecological and human use)
 - Compiling resource-related data (road/trail-related problems, landslides, gully erosion)
 - Compiling data on plant and animal communities (occurrence, relative abundance and location of various plant and animal species)

2. How often Outing Reports must be submitted?

An Outing Report must be forwarded to LandPaths – either electronically or in the mail – for each visit made to Willow Creek. If a FOWC member did not visit the property during the course of a given month either a postcard or an email stating "not visited" is needed a minimum of once per month. It can't be emphasized too much how even "not visited" is useful info in terms of determining use capacity of the property, etc.

Reports are emailed to: landpaths-outings@sonic.net or mailed to LandPaths, P.O. Box 4648, Santa Rosa, CA 95402-4648. Please have subject line on email read "FOWC Outing Report." If using the US Mail, please photocopy the clean original sent to you.

3. Filling in specific items...*how much detail should I put in my outing report?*

Basic information, such as the number of a given thing is required. Information beyond that is very helpful. For example, if you're a birder or botanist – regardless of level – you're encouraged to give a full iteration of the species you encounter.

While this information might seem trivial, with your help we can start to compile a species list (both plant and animal) for the property. In turn, this information *can provide answers* related to property stewardship *for questions that we don't even currently know how to ask*.

In addition, information related to vehicle use on or near the property entrance points, land change (i.e., erosion) is useful and needed. As much detail as you can provide is useful for making immediate and long-term management decisions.